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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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Thursday, November 7, 2013

Before Rhonda M. Foster, CSR 3612

COMMISSIONERS:

JESSICA TAYLOR, Chairperson

JEROME L. WARFIELD, Commissioner

DONNELL R. WHITE, Commissioner

GEORGE ANTHONY, Executive Secretary

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMAND STAFF:

DEPUTY CHIEF YOST

1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Thursday, November 7, 2013

3 About 3:09 p.m.

4 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Good afternoon and
5 welcome to the Board of Police Commissioners meeting.
6 My name is Jessica Taylor, and I am joined by
7 Commissioner Donnell White, Vice Chair, and Immediate
8 Past Chair, Commissioner Jerome Warfield. And from the
9 Chief's Office is Deputy Chief Vickie Yost.

10 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: Good afternoon.

11 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: And Mr. Secretary, will
12 you introduce the rest of the staff?

13 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you. For the
14 record, George Anthony, Secretary to the Board.

15 We have seated in front Ms. Pamela
16 Davis-Drake, our Chief Investigator.

17 We also have Ms. Gail Oxendine, who is our
18 Director of Human Resources. Ma'am, congratulations
19 and welcome.

20 MS. OXENDINE: Thank you.

21 SECRETARY ANTHONY: And we have Mr. Robert
22 Brown, who is our Office Manager.

23 Our recorders are Sergeant Alan Quinn, and
24 Ms. Rhonda Foster from Hanson Court Reporting Service.

25 That completes the introduction.

1 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: At this time, I don't
2 see a chaplain, so I am going to ask Commissioner
3 Warfield if he could lead us in prayer.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Let us pray.

5 Father, we come this afternoon to give you
6 thanks for just another day, and for giving us this
7 part of our day. We thank you for the ending of an
8 election process. We ask that you would anoint and
9 direct those who are charged now with leading the City
10 forward. We pray for the safety of this City. And we
11 pray, Lord, that your hand of grace and mercy will be
12 upon them. We pray for those families that suffered
13 the loss of loved ones just last night; those who are
14 yet still injured. We ask, Lord, that you would remove
15 the stain of violence from this city and that you would
16 issue in the spirit of peace. And so, Lord, bless us
17 now as we move forward in this meeting with your
18 presence. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

19 AUDIENCE: Amen.

20 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: So moving forward, I
21 would like to -- is there a motion to approve the
22 agenda for --

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved, ma'am.

24 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

25 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It has been moved and

1 supported, seconded. Is there any discussion?

2 If not, all in favor say "aye."

3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed, say "no."

5 The motion carries.

6 Now I would ask for a motion for the approval
7 of the minutes for Thursday, October 31st, 2013.

8 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

10 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It has been moved and
11 supported. Are there any discussion?

12 All in favor?

13 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed?

15 Motion carries.

16 The next item is the Chairperson's report.

17 I don't have a report, but I would like to
18 mention that we got a message from the Chief's Office,
19 and telling us about the promotions of 40 police
20 officers who will be promoted to sergeants and 21
21 sergeants who will be promoted to lieutenant, and a
22 promotion of ceremony has been tentatively scheduled
23 for November 22nd, 2013. So I just wanted to make
24 mention of that.

25 Now I would ask Deputy Chief Yost, do you

1 have a report or presentation?

2 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Madam Chair, if I could,
3 prior to the Deputy Chief's report from the Office of
4 the Chief, I would just like to take this opportunity
5 behind the Chairperson's report to reiterate the
6 Board's position from our previous meeting on last week
7 that we communicate to a number of entities when we
8 believe that the powers given to this body have been
9 usurped. And so I think this would be another clear
10 instance based on the communication you just read that
11 should be included, Mr. Secretary, through the Chair,
12 in our communication as it is prepared.

13 Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Ma'am, I support my
15 colleague in that effort.

16 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Is that a motion?

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: No, not a motion,
18 just that we send that communication.

19 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay.

20 Go ahead.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: At this time, through the
22 Chair, Deputy Chief Yost.

23 At this time I will update you on the
24 numbers, the shooting numbers as of today, year-to-date
25 2013. We have 289 fatal shootings and 1,054 nonfatal

1 shootings.

2 The presentation from Homicide has been
3 canceled due to their involvement in the investigation
4 from last night, so we apologize for that.

5 That concludes my report.

6 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 Go ahead, Commissioner Warfield.

8 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Through the Chair,
9 Deputy Chief, is that an increase or a decrease or the
10 same from last year at this time?

11 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: Homicides and nonfatal
12 shootings are both down.

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Down, okay. By about
14 how much approximately?

15 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: Over 12 percent for
16 homicides, and between 3 and 4 percent for nonfatal.

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, ma'am.

18 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: And on the standing
19 committee reports, the Board and staff have worked on
20 revising the bylaws to reflect changes in the Charter.

21 Mr. Secretary, will you put on the record the
22 proposed changes?

23 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

24 For the record, George Anthony, Secretary to
25 the Board.

1 To the Board, you have directed that bylaw
2 changes or changes be made to the bylaws to better
3 reflect the current circumstances, especially under the
4 2012 Charter. I would ask the Board that we just
5 consider the first two articles. There are several
6 articles in your bylaws, and I would ask that the Board
7 today just consider the first two articles. And I will
8 put those two articles on the record, if I may.

9 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay.

10 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Under Article 1 which
11 deals with the name, purpose, and governing law,
12 formerly, it was -- the article read, name, the
13 purpose, creation and governing law. We have
14 eliminated creation. And we moved into Section 1 which
15 is the name, that remains unchanged, this is the
16 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, so that remains
17 unchanged.

18 Section 2 remains unchanged from the former
19 bylaws, the purpose.

20 But Section 3 does have some changes in it,
21 and it deals with creation. I would like to read those
22 changes now. And they reflect the 2012 City Charter.

23 The Board was created by the 1974 Detroit
24 City Charter, in Article 7, Chapter 11, Section 7-1102,
25 and was adopted by a vote of the People of the City of

1 Detroit.

2 The 1974 Charter was subsequently revised and
3 set for vote on November 8, 2011. The revised Charter
4 was adopted by the People of the City of Detroit to
5 take effect on January 1, 2012, Article 7, Chapter 8,
6 Section 7-802, hereinafter the Charter.

7 Those are the changes. You can see on your
8 redlined version what was there previously.

9 All powers and duties of the Board are
10 derived from the Charter. Nothing in these bylaws
11 shall be construed as expanding or contracting the
12 authority conferred upon the Board by the Charter in
13 Article 7, Chapter 8. Formerly that was Chapter 11
14 under the old Charter.

15 And again, the Section 3 of Article 1
16 references the old Charter and Article numbers. It has
17 been updated with references to the revised 2012
18 Charter information.

19 Under Section 4 of Article 1, the governing
20 law, as you know, the governing law, of course, will be
21 the Constitution of the United States, State of
22 Michigan, statute and rules of the Federal, State or
23 City, and those -- that provision has not been changed.

24 That completes really Article 1 of the
25 proposed bylaws.

1 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: I would ask for a motion
2 to adopt the Section 3 of Article 1 to -- that reflects
3 the 2012 City Charter.

4 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Just a point of
5 information, Madam Chairman, when you say a motion to
6 accept Section 3, would in effect we not be a motion to
7 accept the entire article?

8 SECRETARY ANTHONY: The entire article, yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Article 1.

10 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Article 1, yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Section 3 of Article 1.

12 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Yes, ma'am.

13 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Well, the entire article,
14 1, 2, 3 and 4.

15 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: The entire article?

16 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. I'm sorry.

18 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Madam Chair, I make a
19 motion to accept the revisions of the bylaws of the
20 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners as it relates to
21 Article 1 which was inclusive of Sections 1, 2, 3, and
22 4.

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Support.

24 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It has been moved and
25 seconded. Is there any discussion?

1 All in favor?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed?

4 Motion carries.

5 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you.

6 Article 2 deals with the powers and duties of
7 the Board. Section 1 is entitled General. And there
8 were some revisions here. Most of the revisions are
9 those that deal with section number, and the Board's
10 authority was restated to conform to the new Charter
11 provision.

12 So under Section 1, it says Section 7-802
13 which is a change from the former section number of the
14 Charter vests the Board with supervisory authority or
15 supervisory control and oversight of the Detroit Police
16 Department.

17 Notice that the change here dealt with
18 supervisory authority over the Department, which is a
19 change from the former Charter, as set forth in the
20 Charter, and that that governs the entire change there.

21 Under Section 2, the duties of the Board of
22 Police Commissioners, these are the duties that are
23 really contained in the 2012 Charter, and it says that
24 the Board shall perform the duties enumerated in
25 Article -- or in Section 7-803 of the Charter.

1 And Section 7-803 states that the Board
2 shall:

3 A. In consultation with the Chief of Police
4 and with the approval of the Mayor establish policy,
5 rules and regulations;

6 B. Review and approve the departmental
7 budget before its submission to the Mayor;

8 C. Receive and resolve as provided in this
9 Charter any complaint concerning the operation of the
10 Police Department and forward all allegations of
11 criminality to the appropriate internal or external law
12 enforcement agency for further investigation;

13 D. Act as a final authority in imposing or
14 reviewing discipline of employees of the Department;

15 E. Make an annual report to the Mayor, the
16 City Council and the public of the Department's
17 activities during the previous year including the
18 handling of crime and complaints and of future plans.

19 Other duties include the following:

20 A. Exercise preliminary authority over
21 citizen complaints except those containing allegations
22 of criminality which shall be referred to the
23 appropriate internal or external law enforcement agency
24 for further investigation, reference Section 7-803.3,
25 and 7-808.

1 B. Appoint key Board and Department
2 personnel including the Secretary to the Board,
3 reference 7-804.1; a Chief Investigator and
4 investigative staff, reference Section 7-804.2; and the
5 Department's Director of Police Personnel, Section
6 7-810.

7 C. Conduct a professional search to identify
8 candidates for Chief of Police, when that office
9 becomes vacant, and submit a list of qualified
10 candidates to the mayor, Section 7-805.

11 D. Approve all promotions within the
12 Department through the rank of lieutenant, and approve
13 all appointments to the ranks above lieutenant
14 including Deputy Chiefs, Section 7-806 and 7-814.

15 E. The authority to suspend employees
16 without pay with the concurrence of a two-third
17 majority of members of the Board, Section 7-809.

18 F. Review and approve the Department's
19 reorganization plan, Section 7-806.1.

20 Again, the Charter sections were renumbered.
21 The Charter provisions listed under Section 7-803 are
22 listed above. And the other duties contain citations
23 to where the provisions may be found within these
24 bylaws.

25 Madam Chair, that completes Article 2.

1 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Is there a motion to
2 adopt Article 2 that reflects the 2012 City Charter
3 changes?

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Ma'am, I am going to
5 move adoption for Article 2 of the bylaws containing
6 Sections 1 and Sections 2 of Article 2.

7 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

8 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It has been moved and
9 supported. Is there any discussion?

10 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Madam Chair, I do have a
11 few questions. Mr. Secretary --

12 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER WHITE: -- just for point of the
14 record, the majority of the information that was
15 outlined, particularly in Other Board duties include
16 the following, that is not new to the document,
17 correct? This is just a reaffirmation?

18 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Some of this is a
19 reaffirmation. Then some is new. The provision,
20 especially with regards to the search for Police Chief,
21 that is a brand new provision of the Charter. So that
22 is absolutely new. Previously, it was -- the Board was
23 not included.

24 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Sure. And for the
25 record, the majority of members, I am sorry,

1 particularly as it relates to Section E --

2 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER WHITE: -- the authority to
4 suspend employees without pay with the concurrence of a
5 two-third majority of members, is that -- I would
6 assume that this is going to be members of the entire
7 body --

8 SECRETARY ANTHONY: That's correct.

9 COMMISSIONER WHITE: -- and not members
10 present? And it may warrant -- be explicit in this
11 document of -- that it is two-thirds of the body in
12 totality versus two-thirds majority -- well, I guess it
13 does spell that out, two-third majority of the members
14 of the Board.

15 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, sir, which would be
16 I think 8 -- 7 point something.

17 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Just a point of us
19 shows up?

20 COMMISSIONER WHITE: No comment.

21 Commissioners, if you will weigh in, but
22 maybe that is explicit enough that we do not need to go
23 any further than that, two-third majority of the
24 members of the Board?

25 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: I think so.

1 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: For -- but I would
2 say for clarity, I might want to put in parentheses the
3 actual number there, whether it is 7 or 8 or 9 --

4 SECRETARY ANTHONY: I can do that.

5 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: -- for reference.

6 COMMISSIONER WHITE: I think that would add
7 the clarity I am seeking.

8 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Absolutely.

10 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER WHITE: So there is no ambiguity
12 there.

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Exactly.

14 COMMISSIONER WHITE: I was just going to say,
15 Madam Chair, I would just offer that as a friendly
16 amendment to Commissioner Warfield's motion --

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I certainly accept.

18 COMMISSIONER WHITE: -- and end my discussion
19 there.

20 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Do I need to make a
21 motion for that amendment?

22 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: No.

23 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any other
24 discussions?

25 All in favor?

1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed?

3 Motion carries.

4 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Again, to the Board
5 members, I would ask that these -- just these two
6 articles be considered for today, and that Article 3 be
7 considered at our next meeting.

8 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Just for clarity, Madam
9 Chair, would we be looking at this coming Thursday?

10 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Yes, and I think I will
11 be back because it is 6:00. I was thinking I had a
12 3:00 meeting.

13 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Through the Chair,
14 Mr. Secretary, that would be Sections 3 -- I am sorry,
15 Article 3 --

16 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER WHITE: -- 4, 5, is 5 the last?
18 and 6 which is --

19 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Well, the reason I was
20 asking is that Article 3 is really lengthy. It is
21 several pages. So I wanted to, you know, break it up
22 for time.

23 COMMISSIONER WHITE: What I wanted to try to
24 get to is if we could possibly agree to a date, because
25 I know schedules can vary from times, and so if we

1 know, and maybe not try to hash it out now,
2 Mr. Secretary, but if we could possibly come up with a
3 schedule where commissioners would know on these dates,
4 these portions of the document will be handled.

5 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER WHITE: And that way if -- maybe
7 commissioners, if we are not available, we may be able
8 to alter our meeting date that week, that would account
9 for all of us to be present to deal with this document.

10 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Absolutely.

11 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: I agree.

12 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Not a problem.

13 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Thank you,
14 Mr. Secretary.

15 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: The next item is new
17 business. Is there any new business?

18 The new Director of Personnel, do you want to
19 come to the mic and introduce yourself?

20 MS. OXENDINE: Yes, ma'am. Good afternoon.

21 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

22 MS. OXENDINE: My name is Gail Oxendine. I
23 am happy to be here. I commonly use my middle initial
24 A. because there is another Gail Oxendine that lives
25 in the city of Detroit. And so I use my middle initial

1 A., but I am so pleased to be here. And thank you so
2 much for your trust and support for my being here, and
3 I hope to serve the Department well.

4 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 Well, I had the opportunity to sit in on the
6 interview process and I was very impressed. So...

7 MS. OXENDINE: Thank you so much. Thank you
8 so much.

9 Are there any questions that I can answer for
10 you?

11 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Madam Director, just for
12 the record, the spelling of your last name?

13 MS. OXENDINE: O-x-e-n-d-i-n-e.

14 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Just to say welcome on
15 board. I haven't personally met you, but I have heard
16 a few individuals who have spoke very highly of you,
17 and I look forward to working with you in your new role
18 as Director of Personnel.

19 MS. OXENDINE: Thank you so much, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER WHITE: You are welcome.

21 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I just want to echo
22 my colleague's sentiments, and welcome on board.
23 Certainly anything we can do to help you make your job
24 better, we will make sure we avail ourselves of that,
25 as well.

1 MS. OXENDINE: I appreciate that. Thank you,
2 sir.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: You are welcome.

4 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: The other Oxendine I
5 believe is your cousin.

6 MS. OXENDINE: Yes, that's true.

7 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: The next item is old
8 business. Is there any unfinished business?

9 If not, we have the announcements.

10 Next week, the meeting will be on Thursday,
11 November the 14th, at the 6th precinct at the Bushnell
12 Congregational Church. And that's located at
13 15000 Southfield Road. Again, the Thursday, November
14 the 14th, at the 6th precinct, the Bushnell
15 Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Road.

16 And now we will have oral communications from
17 the audience. Please give your name and limit your
18 comments to two minutes.

19 Are there any communications?

20 MS. ROMANO: Good afternoon.

21 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Good afternoon.

22 MS. ROMANO: Anna Romano.

23 I just want to notify everyone and remind
24 them of the Veterans Day Luncheon on Monday,
25 November 11th. The doors open at 10:00. The ceremony

1 starts at 11:00. Lunch will be served at noon. So
2 everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONERS: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Location?

5 MS. ROMANO: Oh, the location is at the James
6 Europe Post at 18651 Mound Road. It is between East
7 Nevada and East Seven Mile, and I do have flyers here
8 for everyone.

9 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay.

10 MS. ROMANO: This is the third annual one
11 that the Department has done. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONERS: Thank you.

13 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, Bernice Smith,
14 political activist.

15 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

16 MS. SMITH: Welcome. Congratulations.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: Thank you.

18 MS. SMITH: I am kind of upset this morning
19 for two reasons. We haven't heard results from our
20 campaign. Of all of the regions, we were the only ones
21 that have not been completed in giving us results,
22 whether we run -- we won or we lost, either way.
23 Also -- and that was the only region that was absent in
24 getting the results. I called before I came, so we
25 will know tomorrow morning.

1 In the meantime, what really upset me again,
2 the news, as most of you know, we give a news report on
3 1200 each day, on Angelo's Show, on which I am one of
4 the commentaries.

5 Dearborn police, I don't know whether you are
6 aware of it, apprehend two felons that were
7 burglarizing a car or trying to strip a car there in
8 Dearborn. They tried to escape. They were in a U-Haul
9 van or whatever. And the police caught them. They
10 arrested them. In other words, they detained them.
11 They got their ID and so forth, but in the meantime,
12 they were on the other side of Dearborn. And would you
13 know, they let them go. For what reason, I am really
14 amazed. And I was really upset about it because of the
15 fact, what was their reason for letting them go if they
16 found them in the commission of a crime?

17 Now, we don't need any more criminals in our
18 city. Now, if they couldn't take them to the police
19 station to lock up there on Michigan, why would they
20 let them go? And I intend when I leave here to call
21 Haddad, because most of you know Haddad was one of our
22 former police chiefs here in Detroit, and I am sure he
23 may not be aware of this action of his policemen. So
24 that's another thing I think we should have something
25 to say about. I don't know whether it is in your realm

1 to call him or what, but I would let him be aware of
2 what happened as far as these felons are concerned and
3 why -- the reason for them -- the police letting them
4 go.

5 Another thing. There were so many write-ins,
6 I was really surprised and upset that I encountered.
7 Because number one, the people that I saw that were
8 giving out the literature, never seen them before at
9 any police meeting. They don't know a hill of beans
10 about what your organization and your commissioner do
11 here each week. And I am not putting everything --
12 bragging myself, but if you are going to be a police
13 commissioner, as far as I am concerned, you have got to
14 know the details on what you do and how you operate.
15 If they have a job, then they don't need to be running
16 for police commissioner. I am retired. I know what it
17 is all about. At least I think I do because of the
18 fact that I am interested in what happens to the police
19 department and plus the fire department. I constantly
20 say that I want more monies for you guys, for the
21 police. Because you deserve it. You are out here, you
22 are risking your lives, and you need the money, and you
23 need your medical insurance again. So these are things
24 that I stress along with crime and trying to combat
25 crime and hire more policemen, so they can be out here

1 on the street, walking up and down if need be. And
2 give you monies in your budget.

3 But it is not happening if we have got
4 fly-by-night people trying to run for the Police
5 Commission. And I am very upset about it because one
6 flyer I saw, she is a school teacher. I have never
7 seen her sit at any of these seats. There is another
8 gentleman that's running. I never seen him down here.
9 So I feel as though that there should be some kind of
10 requirements once they get on board, that at least ten
11 meetings, three times -- each meeting, or at least
12 three times be required to attend their meetings, all
13 right, because I feel as though some of them are not
14 going to be here because they work.

15 And also another requirement that I would
16 like, for the Chief to attend meetings, to let us know
17 what he is doing, and not constantly send a deputy
18 chief, which I have no problem with it, baby, but the
19 fact is we would like to see him sometimes. I haven't
20 seen him in over a month. The only time I see him is
21 on TV. So I would like to see him about things that I
22 want to discuss with him.

23 So I am just kind of upset this morning
24 because we are being neglected. And they are taking us
25 for granted. And I don't like it. I don't like it at

1 all. People are running for office that don't deserve
2 it. Not only the police department, the other offices.
3 But I am interested mainly in the police department.
4 Because I have an interest in what happens out here in
5 this city. And I feel as though that people should be
6 very much interested in knowing that the police is who
7 we depend on each and every day. And we should take
8 more interest in their welfare. And we don't; we take
9 them for granted. And I don't like that at all.

10 I thank you for your time.

11 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, ma'am.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: Through the Chair,
14 actually, ma'am, I just want to put you at ease about
15 the Dearborn situation. DPD has had direct
16 conversation with Dearborn PD to resolve the matter.

17 MS. SMITH: All right.

18 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: We are discussing it.

19 MS. SMITH: Thank you. Thanks, baby.

20 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any other
21 comments? Any other communications?

22 MR. STIDHAM: Good afternoon, Board, Deputy
23 Chief. Tom Stidham.

24 And I did want to just bring the Board up to
25 speed on what occurred yesterday. I think at

1 Commissioner Warfield's request, some of the tower
2 representatives did meet with Norman White, the
3 Director of Municipal Parking. Mr. White used it -- I
4 think fairly stated -- as a fact finding mission. And
5 he did indicate to us, anyways, that he was -- or would
6 be attempting to reach out to some other people in the
7 city and perhaps the Chief Operating Officer to gather
8 some more information. But he did say that he intended
9 to have another meeting with those people. And I was
10 just wondering, Commissioner, or the Board, whether or
11 not you would be willing to again reach out to them and
12 make sure that we are made a part of that conversation.

13 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Mr. Warfield?

14 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, ma'am.

15 Through the Chair, unfortunately I wasn't
16 able to make the meeting yesterday, as you know. I had
17 to rush my wife to the emergency room. And so I will
18 be reaching out to Mr. White to see what his plans are
19 moving forward. And I did hear some things about the
20 meeting, and so I need to follow up with him because
21 from my initial discussion with him, we were going to
22 have a very frank and a very candid meeting, and from
23 what I understand, that probably was not the case, that
24 there were questions that were at the table that were
25 not being answered. And so I will have that

1 conversation with him and ask that you all be included
2 because I think if we are going to get the system
3 right, I think all hands who are involved need to be on
4 deck so that we can move it forward. We know that we
5 believe we have a plan that if implemented is easy, it
6 is doable. It covers the City. There is virtual no
7 liability for the City, no cost. There is revenue
8 generation for the City. And the citizens are made
9 safe.

10 Right now we do know there are issues at the
11 number 1 impound as relates to cars coming up missing,
12 cars coming up with things missing from them. As it
13 relates to just the zoning of the number 1 impound, we
14 know it is not zoned correctly. So there are some
15 things that we definitely need to square away with.

16 Unfortunately, we are also in this transition
17 period, and so I am also reaching out to the new
18 administration to see if they would be willing, as
19 well, to sit down and meet, and maybe we can come up
20 with a resolution to this fairly quickly. Again, the
21 plans have already been agreed upon by this Commission
22 and the towers, and so it should not be a big to-do for
23 people who want to do the right thing. So I would
24 definitely do that.

25 MR. STIDHAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

1 Also, through the Chair, are part of those discussions
2 still involved the technology component and
3 enhancement?

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Through the Chair,
5 yes, sir.

6 MR. STIDHAM: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 MR. WELBORNE: Bill Welborne, President of
9 Citywide. I was going to piggyback on what Ms. Smith
10 said. I back her all the way on these guys running for
11 the Commission. And I have talked to several people.
12 And they don't go to a community relations meeting.
13 They don't come down here. They don't know anything of
14 what's going on. And I think in order to get into this
15 thing, you have got to have some conception of what is
16 going on. You have got to have it. If you don't have
17 that, get out the way. Okay. Enough on that.

18 As President of Citywide, I have initiated a
19 new program that we will start next week. The guys --
20 the police officers, the ones -- the grunts on the
21 street I call them, they never get recognized for all
22 the -- some of the things they do. And I want to put a
23 stop to that. Starting next week, we are going to
24 recognize two officers from the 4th precinct that went
25 above and beyond the thing they had to do. Two ladies

1 broke down in a car. They didn't have any money.
2 These guys paid for the wrecker to pick their car up.
3 They stayed there with these people. They followed
4 them down to the yard to take care of their business.
5 And they didn't have to do all that. All they had to
6 do is write the report up and go about their business.
7 But they didn't leave. And I think these guys should
8 be recognized for that.

9 When I was in the military, I got all the
10 accolades for all my men doing things. And people come
11 to me say, well, you did this. I didn't do a doggone
12 thing. They did it. They made me. They made me look
13 good.

14 And Deputy Chief Yost, as a Deputy Chief, she
15 can attest to this, I hope she can, that any time that
16 people are working for you, they all -- they can make
17 you or break you. If you don't take care of them, they
18 are not going to take care of you.

19 A long time ago we used to have an awards
20 dinner. For some reason, it stopped. Well, I want to
21 get it started again so I am raising money to get this
22 awards dinner. We are going to have this thing -- we
23 are going to award them a certificate at each precinct.
24 And in June, we are going to have a combined dinner.
25 We are going to award these guys a plaque. And I want

1 to get these guys the recognition they due. I tell
2 you, I spent time in Viet Nam, and Viet Nam is right
3 out that door there. It is really tough out there.
4 And I know how it is to be shot at, and you don't know
5 where it is coming from. It is hard. I mean, really
6 hard.

7 So I just want to let you all know that. And
8 as I get the names of these officers, I have got a
9 committee together, I am going to send you the names of
10 these officers, officers and civilians. In fact, we
11 have got two officers and two civilians. We have got
12 two homeless men that saw them first. They stayed
13 there with them until the police came. These guys
14 wouldn't leave these ladies. And I thought that was
15 commendable of them. And I want to make sure they are
16 recognized too, even though they out there homeless,
17 you know, they still do good things. And we should all
18 recognize that.

19 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you, sir. I am
20 sure that is going to be really appreciated.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: Yes. And through the
22 Chair, there are Department awards that we can also
23 give them if you can forward me the information
24 regarding the specific deed, we can also include an
25 internal write-up for them, as well. And we just had

1 an honor award banquet within the past -- I think it
2 was the past month, maybe six weeks, where we did honor
3 our officers for the good works they do. And it
4 doesn't always have to be a lifesaving or something
5 like that.

6 MR. WELBORNE: Right.

7 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: It can be just something
8 like this giving back to the community, where they do
9 the right thing and where they make this Department
10 look good and they are emblematic of the pride we have
11 in our job and our community. So if you could forward
12 that information to the Neighborhood Policing Bureau, I
13 would appreciate it.

14 MR. WELBORNE: Okay. What I did last night,
15 I gave -- I was online last night, I gave them a form
16 where they can pick officers they want to pick between
17 the president of the community organizations, and the
18 Commission people, they can pick the commander or the
19 captain, if they want to and send them back to me, and
20 we will try to pick the best one, because we might have
21 four or five in one month, but we can only do a couple
22 a month, but we want to try to pick the best ones each
23 month and try to get something going for these guys.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF YOST: Through the Chair, we
25 appreciate your support.

1 MR. WELBORNE: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right. Thank you.

3 Are there any more communications? Are there

4 any more communications? Are there any more

5 communications?

6 Okay. Well, I would like to ask for a motion

7 to adjourn.

8 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

10 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It has been moved and

11 supported.

12 Meeting adjourned.

13 (Proceedings concluded at 3:46 p.m.)

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